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THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA: PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRM AND LASTING PEACE AND PROGRESS IN FASHIONING A REGION OF PEACE, FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT

Colombia, Mexico, Spain, United States of America and Venezuela: draft resolution

El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions on the situation in Central America and, in particular resolution 51/199 of 17 December 1996, by which it, inter alia, decided that the responsibilities of verification and good offices entrusted to the United Nations should be executed through periodic visits to El Salvador by a high-level envoy from New York, who would keep the Secretary-General informed on a regular basis, and that the envoy would be assisted for a period of six months in the discharge of those responsibilities by a small support unit in El Salvador, working with the administrative support of the United Nations Development Programme,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 1 July 1997 containing an assessment of the peace process in El Salvador,[1]

Paying tribute to the efforts that have been made by the people of El Salvador to achieve the general objectives of the peace process established by the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Marti para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN) as contained in the Geneva Agreement of 4 April 1990,[2]

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[1] A/51/917.

[2] A/45/706-S/21931, annex I.

Paying tribute also to the contribution made by the various United Nations mission in El Salvador - the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador, the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador and the United Nations Office of Verification in El Salvador; as well as the support unit and the envoy of the Secretary-General to the implementation of the peace accords in El Salvador,

Welcoming the progress made in the past five years towards a society characterized by democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights,

Acknowledging with gratitude the contributions of Member States that have made available personnel and voluntary funding to the support unit for the envoy of the Secretary-General in El Salvador and to technical assistance projects in support of the peace process,

1. Welcomes the continuing commitment of the Government and people of El Salvador to the consolidation of the peace process;

2. Urges all concerned to continue working together to complete the implementation of the peace process in El Salvador without delay;

3. Decides that, taking into account the recommendation contained in the report of the Secretary-General, the support unit for his envoy in El Salvador should be closed down as a separate entity, as it has concluded its mandate;

4. Welcomes the proposal of the Secretary-General to assign two international Professionals and two local consultants as a unit under the administrative structure of the United Nations Development Programme, for a period of six months, funded by the available balance under the Trust Fund for the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador, to follow up on the outstanding elements of the peace accords, while the verification and good offices responsibilities of the Organization would continue to be carried out from New York;

5. Emphasizes the importance of the continued cooperation of the various agencies, offices and programmes of the United Nations system active in El Salvador in the consolidation of the peace process;

6. Calls upon Member States and international institutions to maintain their political, technical and financial support to the efforts of the Government and people of El Salvador to promote peace, freedom, democracy and development in that country;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to keep it informed of further developments in the implementation of the peace process in El Salvador, as he deems appropriate.

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THE SITUATION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN HAITI

Argentina, Canada, Chile, France, Haiti, United States of America and Venezuela: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti",

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, as well as those adopted on the question by the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions adopted on the question by the Organization of American States,

Reaffirming that the goal of the international community remains the full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the promotion of social and economic development in Haiti,

Paying tribute to the Haitian people in their ongoing quest for a strong and lasting democracy, justice and economic prosperity,

Reaffirming its support to the people and the Government of Haiti and for their efforts to advance democracy, respect for human rights and the reconstruction of Haiti,

Strongly supporting the continuing leadership of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States in the efforts of the international community in furthering political progress in Haiti,

Welcoming the continued efforts by States to provide humanitarian assistance and technical cooperation to the people of Haiti,

Supporting fully the contribution of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, its Executive Director and staff, and of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti in the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the full observance of human rights and the full restoration of the constitutional democracy of Haiti, and welcoming the cooperation of the International Civilian Mission with the United Nations Support Mission and others participating in institution-building, including police training activities,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 26 June 1997 on the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti,[1] and the request of 30 November 1996 from the President of the Republic of Haiti to the Secretary-General of the United Nations,[2]

Welcoming the continuing improvement in the situation of human rights in Haiti, and noting the policy statements by Haitian authorities that the Government of Haiti remains committed to upholding human rights and improving accountability,

1. Welcomes the recommendation of the Secretary-General contained in his report to renew the mandate of the joint participation of the United Nations with the Organization of American States in the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, with the tasks of:

(a) Providing technical assistance at the request of the Government of Haiti in the field of institution-building, such as the training of the police and support for efforts towards judicial reform and the establishment of an impartial judiciary;

(b) Supporting the development of a programme for the promotion and protection of human rights, in order to further the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the consolidation of long-term constitutional democracy in Haiti and to contribute to the strengthening of democratic institutions;

(c) Verifying full observance by Haiti of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. Decides to authorize, on the basis of the above recommendation, the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations component of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti until 31 December 1997, according to the terms of reference and modalities under which the Mission is operating;

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[1] A/51/935.

[2] A/51/703, annex.

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to develop appropriate means to identify resources for the Mission within the limits of the approved budget for the current biennium;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit, no later than 30 November 1997, a report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the present resolution and the ways in which the international community can continue to assist with the tasks set out in paragraph 1 above;

5. Reaffirms once again the commitment of the international community to continue its technical, economic and financial cooperation with Haiti in support of its economic and social development efforts and in order to strengthen Haitian institutions responsible for dispensing justice and guaranteeing democracy, respect for human rights, political stability and economic development;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to coordinate the efforts of the United Nations system in providing humanitarian aid and contributing to the development of Haiti;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti".

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THE SITUATION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN HAITI

Argentina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sweden, United States of America and Venezuela: revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti",

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, as well as those adopted on the question by the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions adopted on the question by the Organization of American States,

Reaffirming that the goal of the international community remains the full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the promotion of social and economic development in Haiti,

Paying tribute to the Haitian people in their ongoing quest for a strong and lasting democracy, justice and economic prosperity,

Reaffirming its support to the people and the Government of Haiti and for their efforts to advance democracy, respect for human rights and the reconstruction of Haiti,

Taking note of the postponement of the second round of partial elections, and expressing the hope that the Haitian people will shortly be able to express themselves once again through free, honest and transparent elections,

Strongly supporting the continuing leadership of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States in the efforts of the international community in furthering political progress in Haiti,

Welcoming the continued efforts by States to provide humanitarian assistance and technical cooperation to the people of Haiti,

Supporting fully the contribution of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, its Executive Director and staff, and of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti in the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the full observance of human rights and the full restoration of the constitutional democracy of Haiti, and welcoming the cooperation of the International Civilian Mission with the United Nations Support Mission and others participating in institution-building, including police training activities,

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[2] A/51/703, annex.

2. Decides to authorize, on the basis of the above recommendation, the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations component of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti until 31 December 1997, according to the terms of reference and modalities under which the Mission is operating;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to develop appropriate means to identify resources for the Mission within the limits of the approved budget for the current biennium;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit, no later than 30 November 1997, a report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the present resolution and the ways in which the international community can continue to assist with the tasks set out in paragraph 1 above;

5. Reaffirms once again the commitment of the international community to continue its technical, economic and financial cooperation with Haiti in support of its economic and social development efforts and in order to strengthen Haitian institutions responsible for dispensing justice and guaranteeing democracy, respect for human rights, political stability and economic development;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to coordinate the efforts of the United Nations system in providing humanitarian aid and contributing to the development of Haiti;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti".

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Argentina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sweden, United States of America and Venezuela: revised draft resolution

Addendum

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the revised draft resolution:

Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Greece, Honduras, Ireland, Jamaica, Netherlands, Nicaragua and Spain

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